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composition, classification, formation, and alteration of minerals, as well as the principles and methods of blowpipe analysis. Appendices contain lists of minerals arranged according to their principal constituents and to their mode of crystallization, a list of reference books, and an abbreviated "key to the determination of minerals." The key is a device which classifies minerals according to luster, streak, color, and hardness and gives merely the pages in the main part of the text, where the detailed descriptions of the minerals may be found.

Perhaps the most noticeable defect is the paucity of photographs (less than forty), which probably accounts for the low price of the work. However, there are numerous drawings which remedy this deficiency to a large extent.

Minerals are classified according to their chemical composition. The arrangement of the silicates, a most difficult problem, is especially worthy of favorable comment. The book should be of great value as a text for advanced work in descriptive mineralogy.

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Detailed Report on Webster County. By D. B. Reger, West Virginia Geological Survey, Morgantown, W.Va. 1920. 671+xvi pages, 35 halftone plates, and 24 zinc etchings in the text, accompanied by a separate case of topographic and geologic maps. Price, including case of maps, charges prepaid, \$3.00. Extra copies of topographic map, 75 cents, of the geologic map, \$1.00.

Webster County contains the northward extension of the famous New River Coal group, as also the Kanawha group and the lower members of the Allegheny Series in its northern portion.